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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MARR, PFOR, UK, SN, US

SUBJECT: US NAVAL USE OF SINGAPORE NAVAL FACILITIES

REF: LONDON 17449

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PETER THOMSON, ACTION OFFICER FOR SINGAPORE DOCKS ISSUE IN FCO'S SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DEPARTMENT, ON NOVEMBER 17, WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO PUQH FOR NPW ACCESS TO SINGAPORE DOCKS AT SAME TIME AS ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONVENTIONAL ACCESS ARE BEING WORKED OUT. WE NOTED THAT USG APPEARS RELUCTANT TO MOVE TALKS TO ESSENTIAL NAVY-TO-NAVY LEVEL UNLESS UNITED KINGDOM CAN ASSURE US THAT NPW ACCESS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH TALKS. THOMSON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF US CONCERN AND SAID HE WOULD RELAY IT TO UK MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT ROYAL NAVY OFFICERS WOULD COME TO NAVY-TO-NAVY TALKS WITH ORDERS TO  
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KEEP NPW DISCUSSIONS OFF THE AGENDA, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT

INSIST THAT, WHILE LISTENING TO US EXPOSITION OF ISSUE, NPW ACCESS COULD NOT BE ARRANGED BY END OF THIS YEAR. IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO US THAT, ASIDE FROM THOMSON PERSONALLY, OFFICERS IN FCO DO NOT HAVE EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS DIALOGUE, AND THAT CONTINUING TO KEEP IT IN PURELY DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WILL INEVITABLY RESULT IN FURTHER DELAYS.

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